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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, Prime Min of India: "The whole world is a question mark today." 1-Q

DAVID E LILIENTHAL, Chmn, Atomic Energy Commission, after being criticized for releasing atomic information: "We should weigh secrecy and democracy; we can't always have both." 2-Q

Lady ASTOR, Mbr of British Parliament: "Women, we have got to make the world safe for men; they have made it darned unsafe for us." 3-Q

GEO BERNARD SHAW, Irish playwright: "It is useless to go on ignoring the patent fact that Marshal Stalin is obviously the ablest statesman in Europe." 4-Q

DEAN ACHESON, Sec'y of State, answering STALIN's bid for "peace" talk with Pres TRUMAN behind iron curtain: "(The U S will) not discuss with any nation any matter of direct interest to other nations without the participation of the rep's of those other nations." 5-Q

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director, F B I: "The struggle between Communism and Democracy is more than a clash of political ideologies. It is the offensive of atheism against all forms of religions that base themselves on the belief of God." 6-Q

Dr C CHAS BURLINGAME, psychiatrist, pres of Inst of Living: "Most persons on the verge of cracking up need some good, old-

fashioned belly-laughs at their own mistakes, and the realization that a set-back is not a world-shaking event in their lives. When I get my patients to laugh at their own mistakes, they are a long way toward solving their own problems." 7-Q

PHILIP WILLKIE, Ind State Rep: "The most important thing about politics is that it constantly re-educates people to the fact that they are the masters and that gov't is their servant." 8-Q

Sen ROBT TAFT, of Ohio: "There isn't a Fed'l bureau that isn't wasting money." 9-Q

H G WELLS, writer: "Destruction is not threatening civilization; it is happening before our eyes . . . The ship of civilization is not going to sink in 5 yrs' time, nor in 50 yrs. It is sinking now." 10-Q

PALMIRO TOGLIATTI, Italian Communist leader: "If the Russians had any aggressive intentions they would have attacked 2 yrs ago when the U S, Britain and France were unprepared." 11-Q

WALTER BEDELL SMITH, U S Ambassador in Moscow: "Stalin has a charming personality when he chooses to assert it. But he can be very rude when he likes." 12-Q

JOHN NICHOLAS BROWN, Ass't Sec'y of Navy for Air, chiding scientists for spreading idea that wars might be won easily with gadgets, "extraordinary weapons":

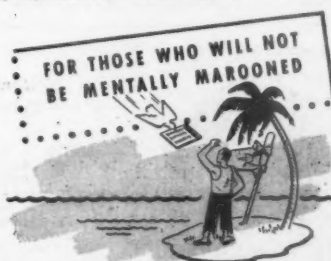
"Much of the misapprehensions regarding the nature of war stems from commentaries by men whose knowledge of science vastly exceeds their experience in the awful actualities of combat." 13-Q

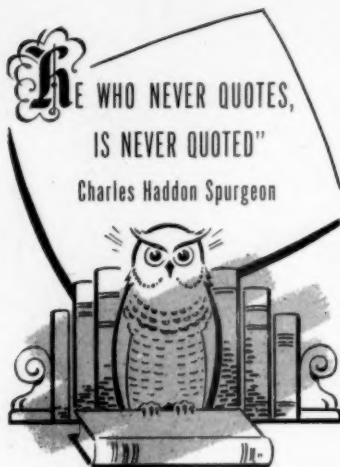
HENRY TREFFLICH, leading exporter of monkeys: "I keep telling parents whose children have grown up that they should fill their lonely spot with a monkey. I guarantee it will never talk back." 14-Q

R J KRYTER, treas of Easterline-Angus Co, Indianapolis: "If we were to bomb Russia with 1,000 bombs like the one dropped at Hiroshima we would kill not only Russians but people in China, Iceland, England, S America and the U S." 15-Q

Sen WM JENNER, of Ind: "U S for'gn policy is like playing put and take—we put money (in Europe) and Uncle Joe takes." 16-Q

Dr DOUGLAS J WILSON, Montreal (Canada) Star editorial dep't: "The definition of a good parent is one who makes himself or herself progressively unnecessary." 17-Q





ADVERTISING—1

In a typical mo (Nov) the Fed'l Trade Commission reported it had found 1,705 questionable ads. Its latest report reveals as "possibly false and misleading" 869 radio continuities, 339 newspaper ads, 467 magazine ads, and 30 ads in mail order catalogs and circulars.—*In Fact*.

ANGER—2

Don't be ashamed of being angry—the finest literature ever written has been written by angry men. Once a very famous person grew angry—so angry that he lost his temper, picked up a switch, and literally drove the money lenders out of the temple.—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt.*

ART—3

Art is a reaching out into the ugliness of the world for vagrant beauty and the imprisoning of it in a tangible dream.—GEO JEAN NATHAN, *Critic and the Drama*.

ATOMIC BOMB—4

UN translators, who occasionally have their problems, ran into one when they tried to render "atomic bomb" in Chinese. After frantic efforts, the best minds could only come up with Yuen-

tsé-t'an—"an abominable little thing which explodes."—*Worldover Press*.

BEAUTY—5

Beauty is altogether in the eye of the beholder.—LEW WALLACE, in *Prince of India*.

CHANGE—Ambition—6

There are too many persons who believe that they must be utterly one-pointed and unswerving in regard to their life goal. A man may be divorced and remarried; he may change from the Democratic party; he may forsake the Methodist church in favor of the Baptist—all this without being too deeply disturbed. But the same man will feel that to change ambitions is somehow disgraceful and ignoble.

Even football teams change goals—right in the middle of the game.—*Healthways*.

CONVICTIONS—7

Most people are akin to the old theologian who said that he was entirely open to conviction but would like to see anybody who could convince him.—E R TRATTNER, *Toastmaster*.

COST-OF-LIVING—8

How can wages meet high prices if they both are going in the same direction?—*Pathfinder*.

DIVORCE—9

Divorced people, young and old, must today be challenged by the Church, as soon as decency permits, to once again set up a Christian family. Of course divorce represents mistake and failure, but where in the Gospel does the Lord insist we further kick around those who have erred and failed? Many of the divorces which exist in the world today grow out of the war period in which the Church itself felt obliged to forget its ideals and convictions, as it joined forces with the immorality, intemperance, destruction, killing and evil that is known as war. If the Church is to

be consistent with the teachings of Jesus, it must invite divorced people thru the Christian Church to re-establish home and family life.—REV W HAMILTON AULENBACH, rector of Christ Church & St Michael's, Germantown, Pa.

EDUCATION—10

The life of the home, the tender care of the mother, the strength of the father, the atmosphere of love and sympathy, the interaction of each with all, the education by work, the totality of these good influences acting upon each in a group bound together by the ties of nature, all this constitutes a framework to which one might easily attach everything essential to a good education.—JOHANN HEINRICH PESTALOZZI, 19th century Swiss educator.

FAILURE—11

A man may fall several times, but he isn't a failure until he starts saying somebody pushed him.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes Ross Co.

FASHION—Men—12

Guy Marino, Jr, Boston fashion designer, predicts in 5 yrs men will be wearing suits and sportswear made of glass—waterproof, fireproof, washable glass.—*N Y Times*.

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Some of the men in the clothing industry believe that with proper education and with only a little prodding, men could be lured into dressing themselves just as vividly as their wives or sisters. One wholesaler said, that, given appropriate publicity, he could get men to wear anything. "I could even put them in lace," he says. "After all, American men have worn lace before. Look at Geo Washington!"—*N Y Times Magazine*.

FORESIGHT—13

There was a minister who moved from place to place every few yrs, and everywhere he went he planted

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grape vines. He was asked one day why he planted a grape vine in the garden of every pastorate, since he did not expect to remain long enough to benefit from its fruits. His answer was:

"Others may eat of the grapes from the vines I plant. If my predecessors had planted grape vines, I might now be eating grapes!"—H IRVING MARTIN, *Western Recorder*.

GOV'T—Employees—14

There is 1 exec worker in the fed'l gov't for every 21 income taxpayers. In other words, these 21 taxpayers are paying the salary of the 22nd man.—GEO S BENSON, Pres, Harding College.

GULLIBILITY—15

It is said that a native out near Muleshoe, Tex, is doing a thriving business selling cockleburs to tourists at \$1 apiece as porcupine eggs.—*Scandal Sheet*.

'The human heart. . .'

The human heart is like a millstone in a mill: When you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour; if you put no wheat, it still grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds and wears away.—MARTIN LUTHER, 16th century religious leader, *Table Talk: Of Temptation and Tribulation*. 16

KINDNESS—17

It was a bitter, raw day along the Thames, and an aged blind man, his fingers blue with cold, labored to play a cheap violin. Two well-dressed gentlemen paused. One, in broken English, inq'd: "No luck, eh? Nobody give money? . . . Make them. Play until they open."

Suddenly he reached out and took the violin. He flourished the bow like a conductor's baton, then started along the sts. The cheap, cherry-red fiddle leaped to life. It became a thing of incredible animation; notes danced, raced in a mad tremendous scramble . . . Men and women listened, spell-bound. Then the music stopped, and a hatful of silver clattered into the blind man's pockets.

"Your name?" pleaded the old fellow as fiddle and bow were ret'd.

The other gentleman spoke. "He is called—Paganini."—REV PHILIP JEROME CLEVELAND, *Coronet*.

LEADERSHIP—18

The business of the leader is to turn weakness into strength, obstacles into stepping stones, and disaster into triumph.—NEA Jnl.

LIBERALISM—Defined—19

A liberal is a man whose mind is not made up permanently on all of the answers to the riddles of existence.—WALTER DONALD KRING, *Christian Register*.

LOVE—20

The path of true love is only wide enough for 2.—HAL BOYLE, AP.

MISSIONS—21

A sermon on the evils of civilization and the bad habits of some Americans in their neglect of Christianity, prompted a native congregation of W Africa to send an offering of \$25.25 to Bishop Wallace E Conkling of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. The natives want the bishop to use the money to further work being done by the Episcopal Negro congregations in Chicago. Comment: *Bongo, Bongo, Bongo, we're making a mighty poor impression on the Congo!*—*Ind Catholic & Record*.

OCCUPATION—Marks—22

Science now confirms the detective story writers' thesis that an individual's occupation can be told by the scars or callouses he bears. A stonemason has a ring of small callouses on the back of the little finger where it steadies the chisel; right-handed bricklayers have left fingertips worn smooth and shiny from lifting bricks; dentists get finger callouses like those of pencil-pushers; painters get callouses on their shins from pressing against ladder rungs; violinists may have reddened skin at the side of the neck—if it's at the back it's a pollster. — *Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

ORIGIN: "Sparkin'"—23

The early Hoosier had quite a sense of humor. A case in point is the term "sparkin'," which has come down thru the yrs as a term for courtship. The pioneer swain "set up" later and later with the lady of his choice as his intentions grew more and more serious. Late hrs meant more and more wood thrown into the fireplace, and

sharp-eyed neighbors watched for sparks from the chimney as a sure sign of more than a passing affair. Hence the term "sparkin'" to signify courting.—JOHN LEWISHON, *Indianapolis Star Magazine*.

PEACE—24

Peace is endangered when the people of the world are isolated in cells—economically, politically or socially.—Report to shareholders by Bd of Directors, Standard Oil Co of N J.



Feb 12-22, Nat'l Security Wk

Feb 14-21, Nat'l Heart Wk

Feb 13

1728—d Cotton Mather, Puritan clergyman, author
1883—d Richard Wagner, German composer

Feb 14—"Valentine's Day"

1819—b Christopher Sholes, inventor of typewriter
1859—Cre admitted to Union
1882—b Geo Jean Nathan, American drama critic, author
1891—d Wm Sherman, Civil War Gen'l
1912—Ariz admitted to Union

Feb 15

1564—"b Galilei Galileo, Italian astronomer, philosopher
1609—"b Cyrus H McCormick, American inventor
1820—"b Susan B Anthony, American reformer
1845—"b Elihu Root, American statesman, lawyer
1861—"b A N Whitehead, philosopher
1905—"d Lew Wallace, American soldier, novelist

Feb 16

1839—"b Henry Adams, American historian
1840—"b Henry Watterson, American journalist, orator

Feb 17

1692—"Patent granted to Thos Neale for establishment of Post Office in America
1762—"d Jean Baptiste Mollere, French dramatist
1827—"d Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, Swiss educator
1856—"d Heinrich Heine, German poet, author
1867—"1st ship thru Suez Canal
1897—"b Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author

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1546—"d Martin Luther, founder of Lutheran Church
1564—"d Michelangelo, Italian artist
1748—"b Niccolò Paganini, Italian violin virtuoso
1892—"b Wendell L Willkie, American statesman, author
1898—"d Frances E Willard, American temperance reformer
1939—"Golden Gate Exposition opened at San Francisco
1948—"Eamon De Valera replaced as Premier of Eire

Feb 19

1473—"b Nicholas Copernicus, Polish mathematician
1803—"Ohio admitted to Union
*relevant mat'l in current issue



CONSTRUCTION: New insulating plaster has been developed which can be nailed into without chipping the surface, and spreading cracks. Mixed in same manner as ordinary brittle-hard plasters, except that lightweight mineral (vermiculite) is used instead of sand. (*Times-Picayune New Orleans States Magazine*)

MUSIC: Music Writer types standard musical notes and symbols on blank paper. Five-line staff is made by hitting staff key across width of paper. Carriage is ret'd, notes and symbols added. Note is 1st struck on a lower, piano-like keyboard, which aligns notes in correct position by shifting whole type basket. Then, while piano key is down, the key for the note symbol is struck on typewriter keyboard above. Music Writer covers 3-octave range. Will transpose automatically by turning platen. (*Popular Science*)

PAINT: Stainless steel is broken down into microscopic size flakes which are added to a liquid plastic and solvent to bring to brushing consistency a liquid stainless steel applied like paint. Sinks, shower stalls or furniture can be made of plywood, coated with this liquid product. (*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston)

SPORT: Electric eye may take over the judge's job in bowling alleys. Called Radaray, foul director has O K of American Bowling Congress. (*Business Week*)

WEARING APPAREL: New belt, worn inside, holds trousers in place and at the same time prevents shirts from rising. Three sets of snaps, replacing buckles, make belt adjustable to 4 sizes. (*Grit*)

PERSPECTIVE—25

"When I served my apprenticeship in writing copy," said adv exec, Alec Phare, "we had an adv display room. On the far wall was a full-size 24-sheet poster, depicting a crowd of people—ordinary people—bricklayers, housewives with aprons on, mechanics, truck drivers, st-car conductors. When we young writers became intoxicated with the sheer beauty of our own writing the Chief would sit down in front of that poster and say, 'Study that for 10 min's, that's your mkt.' After the 10 min's we were down to earth again."—*Wright Line*, hm, Wright & Co.

PROFANITY—26

I swear because—
It is a fine mark of manliness.
It proves I have self-control.
It indicates how clearly my mind operates.

It makes my conversation pleasing to everybody.

It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding, culture and refinement.

It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education.

It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society.

It is my way of honoring God who said "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

And—it is a strong way to express a weak mind!—*Pacific Northwest Hi-Y News*.

REASON—27

Reason exercises merely the function of preserving order, is, so to say, the police in the region of art. In life it is mostly a cold arithmetician summing up our follies.—*HEINRICH HEINE*, 19th century German poet.

RELIGION—Japan—28

On great occasions in Japanese religious life, a whole orchestra plays especially for the god Shinto. Since the music is too holy for human ears, it is played "silently": the musicians go thru all the motions of playing without even touching their instruments.—*Die Lupe*. (Berne, Switzerland)

RUSSIA—29

At Potsdam, they say, a Russian soldier asked a German: "What's the biggest country in the world?"

Repl'd the German: "The Russian zone of Germany. It begins on the Elbe River and most of its population lives in Siberia."—*AP*.

SCIENCE—Birth of—30

The way in which the persecution of Galileo has been remembered is a tribute to the quiet commencement of the most intimate change in outlook which the human race had yet encountered. Since a babe was born in a manger, it may be doubted whether so great a thing has happened with so little stir.—*A N WHITEHEAD*, philosopher.

SERVICE—31

The greatest and perhaps the only perfect gift that we can give to the world is the gift of ourselves at our best, and that means not just the skill of our hands and the cunning of our brains, but our dreams, our resolutions and most solemn promises to ourselves. What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.—*Safety News*.

SOCIALISM—Communism—32

It is called Socialism when Uncle Sam runs with the ball. When he owns the bleachers that you sit on, that is Communism.—*Dr Geo W CRANE*, physician, author and lecturer, in *Savings Bank News*.

SOUND—33

Sound waves below 20 vibrations per sec are noise. From 20 to 40,000 they are music and as they shorten beyond 785 billion, they become X-rays.—*Teller*, hm, City Loan Co.

SPEECH—Speaking—34

One of the more influential mbrs of our church is Chas Brand, for many yrs an official of a large ry. Commenting on a young minister whose 1st sermon was distinguished mostly for its length, Chas said, "His service will be improved when he gets better terminal facilities."—*SAM HANFORD*, *True*.

TEMPERANCE—35

When the W C T U was organized as a total abstinence society in 1874, this statement by Frances E Willard on temperance became the accepted definition: "Temperance is moderation in the things that are good and total abstinence from the things that are bad."

THOUGHT—36

Driving a single thought home is better than leaving 3 on bases.—*Pipefuls, State Mutual Life Assurance Co.*

TIME—Conservation—37

In the "good old days," the church was about the only organization people belonged to. But today every community has between 20 and 30 different groups you can join. A study of 5 counties in Wis some yrs ago found 351 different organizations to which farmers belonged. A similar study in Ill found 230! Some farmers belong to as many as 10 different organizations and some farmers' wives belong to even more than that.—*EDWIN L. BECKER, "The Old-time Religion Isn't Good Enough for You," Successful Farming, 12-'48.*

A Valentine For Our Time

*What shall I ask the world for
Valentine?*

*I ask for every man a place to
live,
And bread; and for the friend-
less fugitive*

*The hope and comfort of his
hand in mine;*

*The love that is half-human,
half-divine,*

*The faith in which men labor
and believe—*

*This love, this faith I ask the
world to give*

*Under the Lord of Love's vic-
torious sign.*

*Not the card frilled with lace,
and gaudy saint,*

*The plump redundant cupid
and his dart;*

*But something more than sugar
mixed with paint*

*That wells up from the warm
compassionate heart*

*I ask: for strength to meet the
world's demanding,*

*And the pure peace that passes
understanding.*

—*JOS AUSLANDER, N Y Times
Magazine.*

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TROUBLE—39

Dr John H Finley stated that to all people who came to him in trouble for counsel he advised these 3 courses of action: Take a long walk; read a good book;

make a new friend.—*York Trade Compositor, hm, York Trade Composition Co.*

VOCATION—Adjustment—40

Marriage and dependents are major forces in determining the ability of the individual to adjust to his job. Under the stimulus of family responsibility, the average male works steadier, sticks to his job longer, gets farther in his vocation, and generally exhibits higher morale than does his unmarried counterpart.

The highest morale is to be found (1) in those people who still possess the exuberance of youth, and (2) in those who have the stabilizing influence of marriage. The man whose home life has been disrupted by divorce or by the death of his wife manifests low industrial morale.—*LEE STOCKFORD & KARL R KUNZE, American Machinist.*

WORRY—41

The young man had come to his father, weighed down with worry. "Leave your worries alone, son," the father advised, "and they will disappear. Let me illustrate with a story.

"Once there was a contented bee with never a care in the world. It entered a primrose in quest of nectar when a hungry horse cropped the blossom and the bee.

In the darkness of the stomach the bee was worried and frightened. It decided to sting the stomach wall in an effort to escape. While searching for a good spot to drive the stinger the warmth and darkness of the stomach lulled it to sleep."

A smile appeared on the wise old face in contrast to the blank look on the son's features. "Do you know what happened when the worried bee woke up, son?"

With an irritated shrug of the shoulders, the son indicated that he didn't.

"Well, son, when the bee woke up, the horse was gone!"—*JOHN KRILL, Magazine Digest.*

YOUTH—Modern—42

A lady who took a stroll in Central Park recently noted that the youthful participants in a game of hopscotch there were tossing 25¢ pieces into the marked-out sq's.—*New Yorker.*



The Banner of Freedom

WENDELL WILLKIE, author and advocate of One World and Republican Presidential candidate in '40, was born 2-18-1892. The following conversation, taking place approx 3 yrs before his death in '44 and recorded by NEWBOLD MORRIS in Crisis, is typical of his idealism.

Willkie was in a certain Western city in the summer of '41, to make a unity speech. A group of politicians, state Republican leaders, wanted to meet with him. The conversation was slow getting under way. Finally one ponderous fellow said, with considerable clearing of the throat:

"Mr Willkie, now that you are supporting Roosevelt, why—why—we're worried about the future of the Republican party." With that there was much nodding of assent and more clearing of throats...

"Well, let me tell you something, gentlemen," Willkie's voice was deadly serious. "Let me tell you something. In '33 we were 50 yrs behind in social reform in this country. Franklin Roosevelt grabbed the banner of social reform. It was a good banner. But we Republicans maneuvered ourselves quite successfully against it.

"Now Franklin Roosevelt has raised the banner of freedom. That's an even more important banner. And we Republicans are doing a pretty good job maneuvering ourselves against that banner.

"You're worried about the future of the Republican party? Don't worry, gentlemen. If we Republicans are as successful in arraying ourselves against the banner of freedom as we were against the banner of social reform, don't worry about the future of the party. There won't be any."

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

The choir boys were organizing a cricket team and being short of equipment and money, decided to ask the vicar for assistance. So the leading choir boy wrote to the vicar saying: "We should be glad of any financial assistance you could give us. Also, could we please have the use of the bats the verger says you have in your belfry?"—Origin unknown. a

A missionary was preaching on a remote Pacific island when he was captured by a skeptical cannibal chief. To his astonishment, he was not eaten, but was allowed to go free, on condition that he carry a small sealed packet to a neighboring mountain chief.

So grateful was the missionary that when he encountered a detachment of English sailors he refused to accompany them to safer territory. He vowed that he would deliver the sealed packet as promised.

But the comdr of the English ship asked to see the packet and opened it. It contained some fragrant herbs, together with this brief message: "The bearer will be delicious with these."—*Wall St Jnl.* b

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't. —GALEN DRAKE, WCBS broadcast.

When the teacher asked Johnny what Geo Washington was noted for, he surprised her by replying, "His memory." "Why do you think his memory was so great?" she inquired. Repl'd Johnny: "Because they erected a monument to it!"—JOHN A FERRALL, *Volta Review.* c

A disgruntled Republican tells this anti-administration story:

Pres Truman and some of his admirers were discussing appointments.

"We'll have to find something for So-and-so-from Pennsylvjersey," said one. "He really delivered."

"What can he do?" inq'd Mr Truman.

"Nothing, really."

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ALAN LOMAX

A sportsman brought his prize pointer with him to Chicago. In front of a Jackson st edifice the dog stiffened, and refused to budge. The sportsman looked up at the sign over the doorway. It read: "A Part-ridge—Lawyer."—BENNETT CERF, *King Features Syndicate.*

"Good," ans'd the Pres, "then we won't have to break him in."—JUNE PROVINCES, *Chicago Daily News.* d

Incompatibility: When a husband loses his income and a wife her patability.—Origin unknown.

He could not have been over 4, as he stood in front of the lost and found desk. He hardly reached the top, and there were traces of hastily-wiped tears on his chubby face as he inq'd in a quavering voice, "Has any mothers been turned in this morning?"—MAUDE DREXEL, *Pageant.* e

A burlesque show is where the actresses assume everyone is from Missouri.—Rose Technic.

Prof Schnootz, attending a reception, said, "You all know I'm a univ prof and I know you're dying to ask questions. Who wants to be 1st?"

One fellow asked, "Is it true that prof's are absent-minded and have bad memories?" To which the prof repl'd, indignantly, "That's a fallacious lie. Prof's haven't got bad memories. They're *not* absent-minded. Don't you think I know where I am right now? And tomorrow I'll know where I was last night! Would somebody like to ask another question?"

With that, another fellow questioned: "Is it true that prof's are absent-minded and have bad mem-

ories?" To which the prof repl'd: "Fine! I knew that sooner or later somebody would ask me that!"—*Tit-Bits.* (London) f

"Sweet Adeline" is the bottle hymn of the republic.—Peninsular Light, *hm, Peninsular Life Ins Co.*

A soldier who had just lost his 3 stripes for a slight infraction of regulations emerged from his CO's tent muttering: "That guy is a man of few words. He calls me in and says: 'Hello, sit down, sgt; get up, cpl; goodbye, Pvt.'"—*Passing Variety.* g

A Scotsman was run over by a brewery wagon. It is believed this is the 1st time the drinks were on him.—*Times Pictorial.* h

The Censored Letter

The law says that everything "unmailable" which is found in mailboxes belongs to the U S Post Office until the owner claims it and proves it's his. On an average day, this may make Uncle Sam temporary owner of such assorted "mail" as a handful of snakes, a home-made bomb, a snapping turtle, a goldfish bowl filled with fish, as well as a couple of hundred wallets, purses, keys, brief cases and bank books . . .

The snakes turned up in a Los Angeles pkg box recently. Benj H Rensink, in charge of tracing owners, figured the snakes had escaped from a broken parcel-post pkg in the same collection box. He called in the sender, a young boy, who confessed he was trading snakes with a pal. Didn't he know he couldn't send snakes thru the mail? Sure, that's why he marked his pkg "Frogs."—HELEN COLTON, "The Great Mailbox Mystery," *This Wk*, 1-23-'49. i

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THE MAGAZINES



Sex Education, Please!—DONITA FERGUSON and CAROL LYNN GILMER, *Coronet*, 1-'49.

America's youth is asking the chance to build its own moral code. Why have they not been granted the chance? Perplexed that adult Americans should so consistently thwart the desire of our future citizens, the editors of *Coronet* decided to ferret out the story behind this amazing situation.

First, we interviewed dr's and parents, teachers and preachers. Incredible tho it seems, we found that no important group officially or consciously was obstructing sex education.

Parents? Recently, a nation-wide poll showed that % of all mothers and fathers favor sex education for children . . .

Teachers? For more than ½ a century, forward-looking educators have decried the rearing of children on silly tales of bird and bee, sprinkled over with dollops of pure Victorian stork. And the official yrbok of the American Ass'n of School Administrators declares: "Neglect and omission of the problem of sex, simply because it might arouse community conflict, mean failure to fulfill our duty to youth."

Even the churches join the chorus. Prominent Catholics, Jews and Protestants have made statements advocating sex education . . .

First, the boys and girls declare we must get rid of the idea that in this day and age there can be beatific oblivion. From animals on the farm to clinches on the screen, sex is universal and unavoidable. In short, we could as easily legislate weather out of existence.

Second, the youngsters demand that adults stop being suspicious of their motives. According to them, this is one of the chief reasons for

I hope you teach your girls some sense. From what I read, I know you're great on telling them "the facts," facts we never heard of when we were girls. But knowing the facts isn't going to do them any more good than *not* knowing the facts ever did, unless they have some sense taught them, too. And anyhow, you don't tell 'em the truth about sex, if they get the idea from you that it's all there is to living. It's not. — DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER, *Yale Review*.

their failure to acquire a sensible sex education. They want a blueprint for behaviour from adults; but what they usually get is a brush off . . .

Finally, the youngsters said that adults must clear up their own vagueness. Hundreds of boys and girls blamed parents and teachers alike for their lack of useful knowledge. "There ought to be classes for parents," said a girl of 12. "They are the ones who really need it." . . .

If sex education is ever to become a reality, it must be dragged from the bog of buck passing in which it is presently mired. If we have any serious intention of living up to our officially expressed belief in sex education for the youth of America, then parents, churches, schools and everyday citizens must assume responsibilities in devising a workable program. Obviously, no one group can do the job alone . . .

Some churches have already initiated discussion groups where youngsters, with adult guidance, discuss their problems and work out answers . . . The biggest job, however, must be done in the schools. Here, where the best op-

portunity exists to reach hundreds of thousands of youngsters, we have failed miserably . . .

"The most hopeful element in human life," says Dr Harriet S Cory, exec director of Mo Social Hygiene Ass'n and long-time crusader for sex education in the schools, "is the constant rebirth of idealism in each yr's crop of adolescents. They will face their problems with courage and honesty, provided we give them the forum."

If we match their courage and honesty with our own, we will offer them the sensible sex education they are demanding. But if we reject their idealism, then we must continue to face the accusation of the young girl (and thousands like her) who said of her sordid sex indoctrination:

"It is a very poor way to learn about something sacred."

W STORY of the WEEK

Fifty yrs ago, in the little town of Bloomington, Ind, there lived a young chap named FRANK GENTRY, who "had a way" with animals. He taught "tricks" to all neighborhood pets; gathered and trained a collection of strays. Soon he was giving "shows" at carnivals and county fairs. In time, FRANK and his 3 bro's each had a unit "on the road" and Gentry Bro's Dog & Pony Shows were known the world around. For decades, they played virtually every city, town and hamlet in the U S. And FRANK often exhibited his pets for the delight of "the crowned heads of Europe."

Last mo, FRANK GENTRY, last of the surviving GENTRY clan, aged, infirm, and losing his sight as a result of cataracts, packed his battered, label-laden suitcase for a final trek—to the Nat'l Elks Lodge Home Hospital, Bedford, Va, where he will spend his remaining days.

